

St. Edmund's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

30th September 2022

Tel: 0161-205-1700

Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: www.stedmundsrcprimaryschool.co.uk

Facebook page: [St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/St.EdmundsRomanCatholicPrimarySchool)



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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**Our Statement to live by next week is:
'BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD!'**

KEEP THE FAITH: Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the power (and also the duty) that comes from having faith in God. Faith can 'move mountains'; it can free us from anxiety and give us confidence and inner strength. Faith and love are inseparable. Having faith in God helps happiness and love to grow in our families. A family full of faith is a family full of joy. What can we do to help our family's faith to grow this week?



*"Faith and love are everything, and nothing is more precious than these."
(St Ignatius of Antioch)*

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week is shown below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. Well done to them! The results for the winning class for the highest attendance in September are being calculated by our Admin Team and all will be revealed next Friday! This week, we've been talking to the children about punctuality and the importance of being on time. We've asked them to take more responsibility when they are getting ready in the morning so that busy mums and dads can get them to school on time. Please encourage your child with your own family routines so that they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



Nursery: 98.2%	Reception: 97.1%	Year 1: 88.9%	Year 2: 99.6%
Year 3: 94.2%	Year 4: 98.7%	Year 5: 88.8%	Year 6: 92.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 94.7%			



PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Please take note of the following dates of Masses in the school hall. As always, parents are welcome to join us at 9:15 a.m.

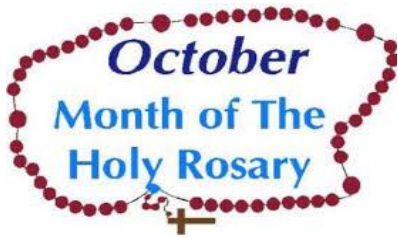
Friday, 7th October - Mass for Y1-6 'Brighten up for CAFOD'.

Wednesday, 16th November - Mass for Y1-6 -St. Edmund's Feast Day

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The children in Year 3 will be bringing home a letter from Mrs Clinton today. Please make a note in your diary of all relevant dates for the Sacramental Programme. The first dates that parents need to know are:

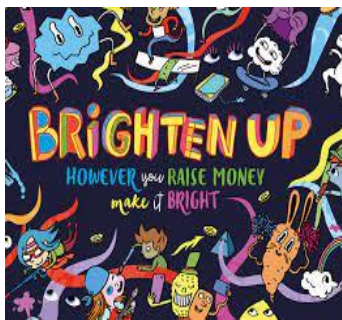
Monday, 14th November: Preparation meetings at 3.30 p.m. or 5.30 p.m. at school

Sunday, 20th November: Rite of Presentation at 9.30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church



OCTOBER-THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: As we enter the month of October, the children will be learning about the Holy Rosary as a form of meditative prayer devoted to Mary our Mother. Parents, why not take some time over the coming month to listen to many of the child friendly stories related to the Rosary. Perhaps you could ask your child to re-tell you a story in their own words after listening to it?

LALLEY CENTRE APPEAL: We will be supporting the Lalley Centre again this year as part of our Harvest Fast Day traditions. They are appealing for any tinned or dry food. All donations will go directly to the Lalley Centre to be distributed to families in our local community. Therefore, during the week commencing **Monday, 3rd October** our charity prefects will be collecting any donations from the children. Thank you for your continued support.

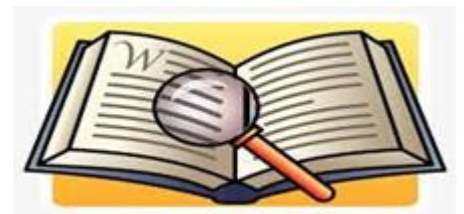


BRIGHTEN UP FOR CAFOD: As a school community, we are always proud to support the magnificent work that CAFOD do. Around the world, one in three people have gone hungry in the last year. Harvest Fast Day this year is on **Friday, 7th October** and CAFOD have invited us to participate by fundraising for their World Food Crisis appeal and supporting our global family. We are asking the children to come into school in their brightest and most colourful clothing on that day and are asking for donations of 50p per pupil or £1 per family. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

AVAILABLE PLACES: We currently have spaces in most of our classes. Some families think that they aren't eligible to come to our school. We often hear, 'We can't come to your school because we aren't Catholic.' This isn't actually true. Baptised children are given priority when we have spaces but all families and children are welcome at our school. Please spread the word - your family and friends are very welcome!

NURSERY PLACES: We will shortly be arranging nursery admissions for January 2023. If your child is born between 01.09.2019 - 31.12.2019, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child's details.

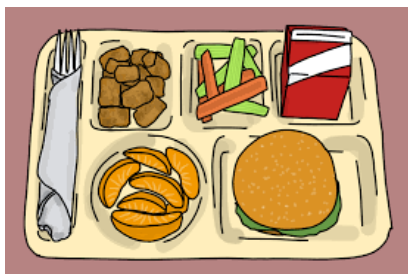
READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **Ask your child to make predictions about what they are about to read.** If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'



COMMUNICATION: For those parents who have yet to complete the contact update forms form, please return it to school as soon as possible. Spare forms are available from the school office. Whilst our Admin Team process all of the forms, the weekly newsletter will continue to go home as a hard copy with each child on a Friday afternoon. Once processed, the newsletter will be communicated to parents via email from the school email address: communications@st-edmunds.manchester.sch.uk

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: Your child will have received their school photograph last week. On this form will be all the details on how to order and pay online. There is no way to order through school any longer. Orders should be placed online by **9th October** for free delivery to school. Orders placed after this date will incur a delivery charge and will be sent directly to your home.





SCHOOL MEALS: The price of a school meal is £2.35 per day / £11.75 per week. Please make every effort to pay a week in advance through Pay360 (formally SIMSPay). Dinner money should not be more than 2 weeks in arrears. If you are struggling to pay, please contact the school office to discuss the matter. Please remember to inform the admin staff if you wish to make any changes to your child's meals arrangements. Two weeks' notice should be given if they are changing from school meals to bringing their own packed lunch.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM: Well done to our fantastic Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Team who participated in a tournament at MCA on Monday evening. Mr Reidy was so impressed with how well they competed as a team. The girls should also be congratulated on how well they reacted to the result of each game...displaying modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat. The next tournament for the girls at MCA is on **Monday, 17th October** and parents/carers are more than welcome to go along to support the team from 4:00 p.m.



ST. MATTHEW'S OPEN EVENING: Calling all Year 5 & 6 pupils and parents who couldn't attend the open morning at St. Matthew's. There will be an alternative open evening event on **Thursday, 6th October** between 4-6 p.m. To reserve a place, please email openevent@smrchs.com stating your child's name and primary school. Parents will also need to inform us that you are attending the event so that we can record this on our registers. Both events promise to be really informative and useful which will help you and your child as they either transition to high school or choose their high school.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS: It is now time to apply for your child's Year 7 place at high school. Go to Manchester.gov.uk/admissions to apply. The deadline for secondary school applications is **Monday, 31st October** and the message is... 'Don't leave it too late!' If you need help, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and we can support you.



PARENTS' EVENING: Further to the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings a couple of weeks ago, parents will have the opportunity to make an individual appointment with their child's class teacher on **Wednesday, 12th October**. The teachers will be able to report on how well your child has settled in this academic year and discuss individual targets to support your child's progress. A five minute appointment between 3:30-6:30 p.m. can be made and the teachers will be out on the playground after school each day next week so that parents can make an appointment that is most convenient for them. Alternatively, make a phone call to the office and the staff will be able to slot you in for a suitable time to suit you.

YEAR 6 CLASSICAL TOUR OF MANCHESTER: The children in Year 6 will be going on a 'Classical Tour of Manchester' on Wednesday, 12th October. Throughout the day, the children will be learning more about some of the great buildings and art of Manchester, finding out what is so special about our city and its history, and learning more about the links between Manchester and the Ancient Romans and Greeks. This will be a walking tour, so please make sure that they bring a coat with them to school. The children will leave school at 9:15 a.m. and will be back before the end of the school day. What a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our amazing city!

We ask that parents make a contribution of £2.00 towards the cost of this trip on Sims Pay360 before Friday, 7th October.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT NORTH CITY LIBRARY: Manchester Libraries are hosting a Fun Palace at North City Library on Saturday, 1 October 2:00-4:00 p.m. and they would like to invite our children and families to attend. This is a wonderful (and free!) Family Fun Day for all generations to share skills and passions and connect communities. Take your children, parents and grandparents along and immerse yourself in an amazing day.





HEALTHY CHILD CLINICS: Manchester Local Care Organisation have asked us to pass on that these clinics have returned for babies to 5 year olds. You can check your baby's height, weight and discuss any concerns you may have with a health visitor. The clinics will take place:

Monday at Miles Platting Children's Centre M40 7DA from 1:00-2:30 p.m

Wednesday at Moston Children's Centre M40 5EA from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

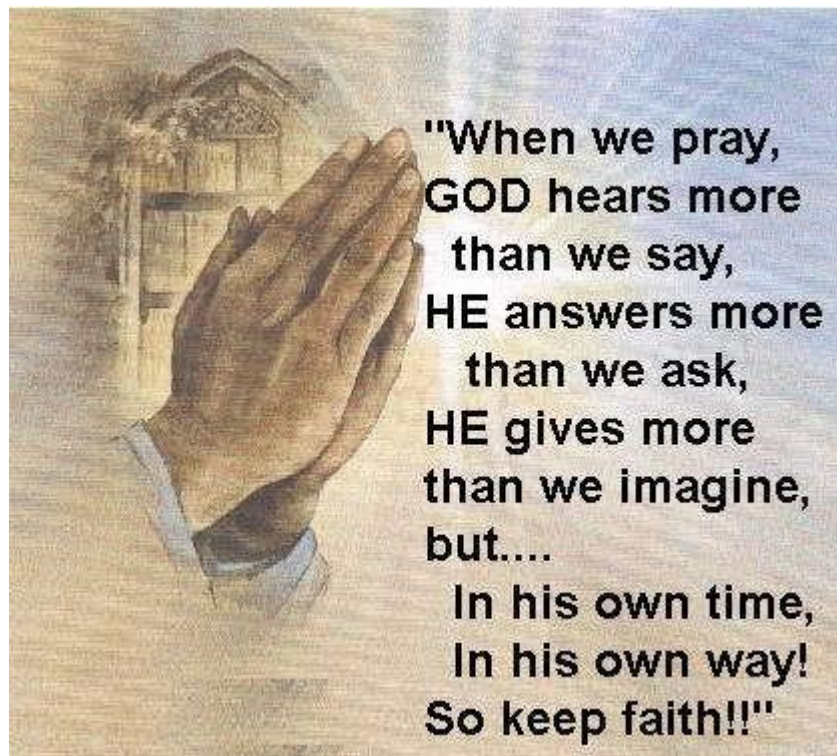


NATIONAL TRUST TICKETS: The National Trust are offering one free ticket to families to visit woodlands, parklands and more this Autumn. Witness the changing colours of Autumn and explore somewhere new by visiting - <https://www.nationaltrust-tickets.org.uk/category/33142?branches.branchID=2286>

FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Edmund's Manchester** and we should pop up!



SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: St. Malachy's as they celebrate the centenary of the Foundation of the parish of St Malachy, Steve Strickland (RIP) family and friends, Sister Philomena, Anne Clarke, Rose Usher, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



Stay with us, Lord... on our journey.